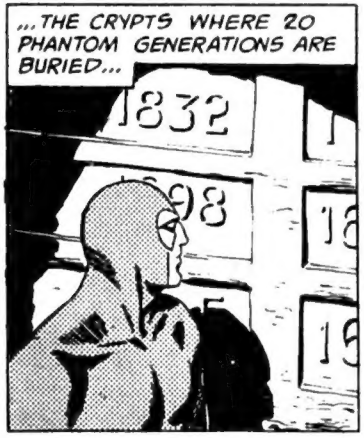
IN THE PHANTOM'S FABLED SKULL CAVE, MANY SECRETS...
FALK & BARRY 3/8

...AMONG THEM, THE "MAJOR" AND "MINOR" TREASURE CHAMBERS...


...THE CRYPTS WHERE 20 PHANTOM GENERATIONS ARE BURIED...
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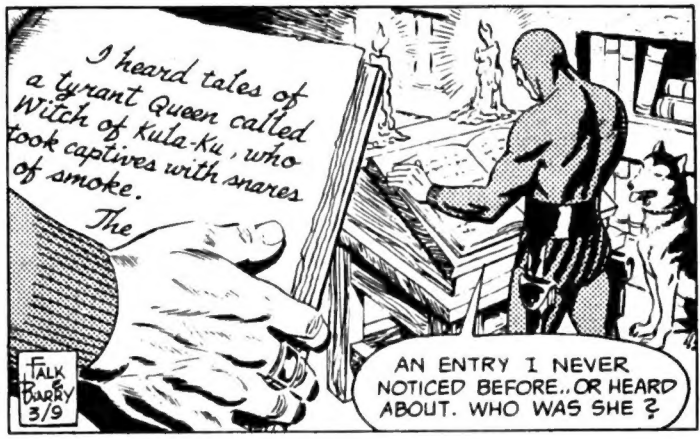
...THE CHRONICLES... WHERE 400 YEARS OF PHANTOM ADVENTURES ARE RECORDED.
BEGINNING: MYSTERY OF KULA-KU.

THE CHRONICLES: FOR 4 CENTURIES, EACH PHANTOM RECORDED HIS ADVENTURES...

OUR PHANTOM (21ST GENERATION OF HIS LINE) LOVES TO BROWSE...
LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT GREAT-GRANDPA...


I heard tales of a tyrant Queen called Witch of Kula-Ku, who took captives with snares of smoke. The
FALK & BARRY 3/9
AN ENTRY I NEVER NOTICED BEFORE.. OR HEARD ABOUT. WHO WAS SHE?

I heard tales of a tyrant Queen called Witch of Kula-Ku, who took captives with snares of smoke. The
CHRONICLES: AN ENTRY OF OUR PHANTOM'S GREAT-GRANDFATHER... THE 18TH PHANTOM!

WITCH OF KULA-KU? TOOK CAPTIVES WITH SNARES OF SMOKE?

WHAT ON EARTH DID THAT MEAN?
WHAT DOES IT SOUND LIKE TO YOU, DEVIL?
?
FALK & BARRY 3/10
DID GREAT-GRANDPAPPY INVESTIGATE? LET'S SEE...

I heard tales of a tyrant Queen called Witch of Kula-Ku, who took captives with snares of smoke. The
FROM THE PHANTOM CHRONICLES...

GREAT-GRANDPAPPY WROTE THAT TANTALIZING ITEM.. AND NEVER MENTIONED IT AGAIN..!

NO EXPLANATION ABOUT THE WITCH... THE SNARES... OR KULA-KU! MADDENING!
FALK & BARRY 3/11
LET'S SEE IF HIS SON... MY GRANDFATHER.. OR MY FATHER MENTIONED THIS, DEVIL.

I heard tales of a tyrant Queen called Witch of Kula-Ku, who took captives with snares of smoke.
The
MADDENING. MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER MADE THAT ENTRY IN HIS CHRONICLE... THEN NEVER MENTIONED IT AGAIN.

NOTHING MORE OF KULA-KU OR THE WITCH BY MY GRANDFATHER..OR MY FATHER.

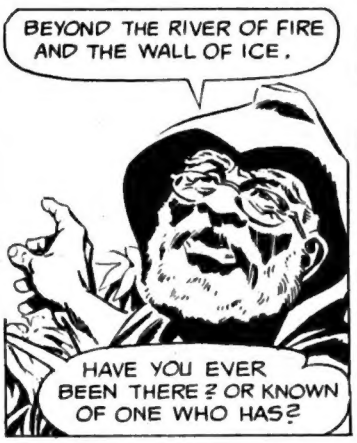
I'LL ASK THE ONE MAN WHO KNOWS EVERYTHING AND FORGETS NOTHING!
TALK & BARRY 3/12
TOMORROW: OLD MAN MOZZ

OLD MAN MOZZ... THE TELLER OF TALES..."WHO KNOWS ALL AND FORGETS NOTHING"...
TALK & BARRY 3/13

WELCOME, GOOD FRIEND. WHY AM I HONORED BY THIS VISIT?

MOZZ, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD TELL OF ONE CALLED WITCH OF KULA-KU?
I HAVE, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

WITCH OF KULA-KU? YES, THE NAME IS KNOWN TO ME.
WHERE IS KULA-KU, MOZZ?
TALK & BARRY 3/15
OLD MAN MOZZ, THE TELLER OF TALES.


BEYOND THE RIVER OF FIRE AND THE WALL OF ICE.
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THERE? OR KNOWN OF ONE WHO HAS?

NOT I. AND IF ANY WENT THERE, NONE RETURNED, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
?

MOZZ, YOU KNOW OF THE WITCH OF KULA-KU.
IN OLDEN TIMES... A NAME GIVEN THE QUEEN OF THAT PLACE.

IT IS WRITTEN..."SHE TOOK CAPTIVES WITH SNARES OF SMOKE." WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
A MYSTERY...

MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S CHRONICLE MENTIONED HER. DOES SUCH A QUEEN STILL EXIST?
TALK & BARRY 3/16
A MYSTERY BEST LEFT UNKNOWN, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

YOUR FATHER AND HIS FATHER BOTH THOUGHT TO FIND THE WITCH OF KULA-KU. NEITHER DID.
WHY, MOZZ? THEY FEARED NOTHING.

WISDOM IS NOT FEAR. BOTH THOUGHT ABOUT IT.. BOTH WERE WISE, AND DID NOT GO.

...THAT IS MY ADVICE TO YOU, O GHOST WHO WALKS, SON OF 20 PHANTOMS...
FALK & BARRY 3/17
THANK YOU, OLD MAN MOZZ.

I heard tales of a tyrant Queen called Witch of Kula-Ku, who took captives with snares of smoke.
The

WHY SHOULD A SINGLE ENTRY IN A CENTURY-OLD CHRONICLE OF MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER OBSESS ME?
FALK & BARRY 3/18

GURAN, HAVE ANY OF THE PYGMY POISON PEOPLE EVER BEEN TO KULA-KU?
VALLEY OF THE WITCH? NO SANE MAN GOES NEAR THAT PLACE. IT IS TABOO, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

WHY IS KULA-KU TABOO, GURAN?
NO ONE HAS EVER RETURNED TO TELL US WHY.

I MUST GO TO FIND THIS QUEEN--OR WITCH--WHO CAPTURES WITH "SNARES OF SMOKE."
FALK & BARRY 3/19
I COULD SEE YOU MUST GO. I GO WITH YOU.

I WILL GO WITH YOU TO KULA-KU TO FIND THE WITCH, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
FALK & BARRY 3/20
NO, GURAN. YOUR PEOPLE NEED YOU HERE.
IN THE DEEP WOODS.

...BUT I MUST FIND OUT FOR MYSELF.
THE REPORT WAS LONG AGO. POSSIBLY THERE IS NO LONGER A WITCH...OR A QUEEN...

FALK & BARRY 3/22
LEAVING THE SECRET ENTRY OF THE DEEP WOODS...

HE GOES TO FIND THE WITCH OF KULA-KU.
!
PYGMY BANDAR SENTRIES WATCH...

O PHANTOM, DO NOT GO TO KULA-KU.
NONE WHO WENT THERE EVER RETURNED.
IF THAT IS TRUE, I MUST LEARN WHY. GOODBYE...

MY GRANDFATHER.. AND HIS FATHER.. BOTH WANTED TO FIND THE WITCH OF KULA-KU, BUT NEVER DID. WHY?

I WONDER IF THEY TRIED. OLD MAN MOZZ DIDN'T SAY...

AT LEAST, I'LL TRY. WE'LL REACH THE FIRST OBSTACLE... THE RIVER OF FIRE, TOMORROW...
FALK & BARRY 3/23
JUNGLE EYES WATCH... BUT AVOID THIS MIGHTY TRIO...

NOT FAR NOW TO THE RIVER OF FIRE, FELLAS...

IT'S JUST AROUND THE BEND.. SMELL IT?

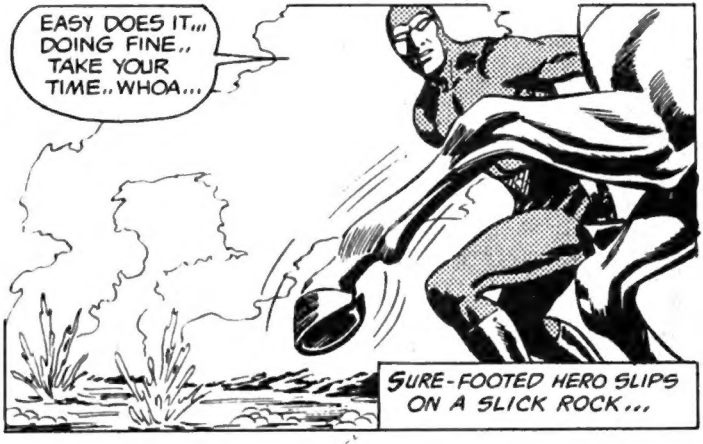
"THE RIVER OF FIRE"-- BOILING MOLTEN LAVA!
FALK & BARRY 3/24
THERE IT IS... WE HAVE TO CROSS IT...

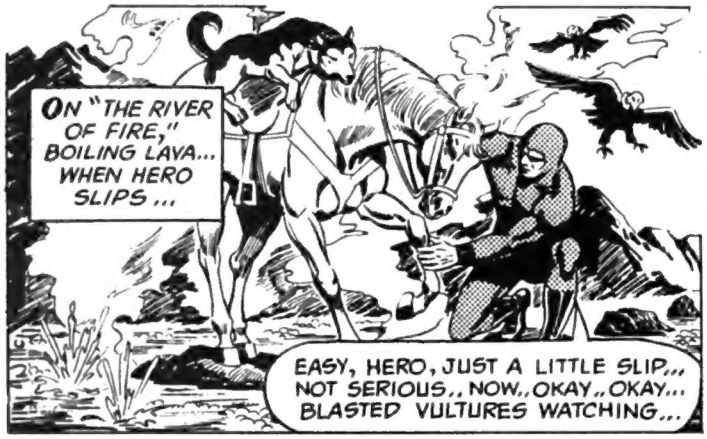
REMEMBER THIS PLACE? LET'S SEE WHAT IT DOES TO THE STICK...

RIVER OF FIRE.. WELL NAMED! MELTS WOOD LIKE BUTTER. CAN DO THE SAME TO US!

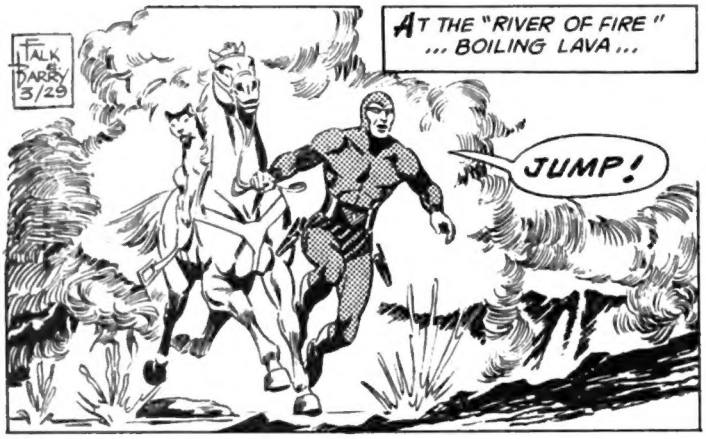
UP, DEVIL. YOU'RE GETTING A FREE RIDE ACROSS.
FALK & BARRY 3/25
WE'VE GOT AN AUDIENCE. VULTURES! WATCHING AND HOPING.. WE FALL IN!

ACROSS "THE RIVER OF FIRE",,, HOT LAVA... WHERE A MISSTEP CAN MEAN DEATH...
HERE WE GO, FELLAS,, STEADY,, STAY ON THE STONES, HERO..
THOSE VULTURES ARE HOPING WE DON'T MAKE IT...
FALK & BARRY 3/26


EASY DOES IT... DOING FINE,, TAKE YOUR TIME,, WHOA...
SURE-FOOTED HERO SLIPS ON A SLICK ROCK...


ON "THE RIVER OF FIRE," BOILING LAVA... WHEN HERO SLIPS...
EASY, HERO, JUST A LITTLE SLIP,,, NOT SERIOUS,, NOW,, OKAY,, OKAY... BLASTED VULTURES WATCHING...

WHOA,,, NO STONE THERE,, WE'LL HAVE TO JUMP TO SHORE FROM HERE! A BIG JUMP...
READY...
FALK & BARRY 3/27


FALK & BARRY 3/29
AT THE "RIVER OF FIRE" ... BOILING LAVA...
JUMP!

WHEW! CLOSE! THAT LAVA WOULD TURN US INTO CINDERS!

SORRY, VULTURES, NOT THIS TIME!

OLD MAN MOZZ SAID... TO REACH KULA-KU,,, FIRST THE RIVER OF FIRE. DONE!
THEN... THE WALL OF ICE. AHEAD?
FALK & BARRY 3/30

?

!
HALLO...

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!!
DOWN THE WALL OF ICE... HEAD OVER HEELS!
FALK & BARRY 4/5

THEY'VE DISAPPEARED... INTO THE FOG...
!

GONE ... WE'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN...
A MAN...OR A DEMON..IN DISGUISE?

THEY SLIDE DOWN THE WALL OF ICE AT GREAT SPEED... FASTER... FASTER... FARTHER... FARTHER... BENEATH THE CLOUD COVER...
!!

...LANDING ON SOFT THICK MOSS...
WHEW!

THE VALLEY OF KULA-KU!
FALK & BARRY 4/6

WOW! THAT WAS A SLIDE... OVER A THOUSAND FEET...
LUCKY... NO BONES BROKEN...
FALK & BARRY 4/7

SOMETHING ODD... IT WAS NOON WHEN WE STARTED OUR SLIDE... SEEMS LIKE DUSK HERE... NO SUN...

IN THE VALLEY OF KULA-KU-- PERPETUAL TWILIGHT...
?
ARE THOSE THICK CLOUDS ALWAYS OVERHEAD?
WHAT DO YOU SEE, DEVIL?

IN THE MYSTERIOUS VALLEY OF KULA-KU...
FALK & BARRY 4/8
SOME SORT OF POT. THAT MEANS PEOPLE... SOMEWHERE HERE. HMM...THOSE BIRDS!

DEAD? NO... UNCONSCIOUS... STUNNED, PERHAPS, SOMEHOW!

NO EVIDENCE OF POISON..SOME SORT OF EPIDEMIC?
TOMORROW: MORE EPIDEMIC?

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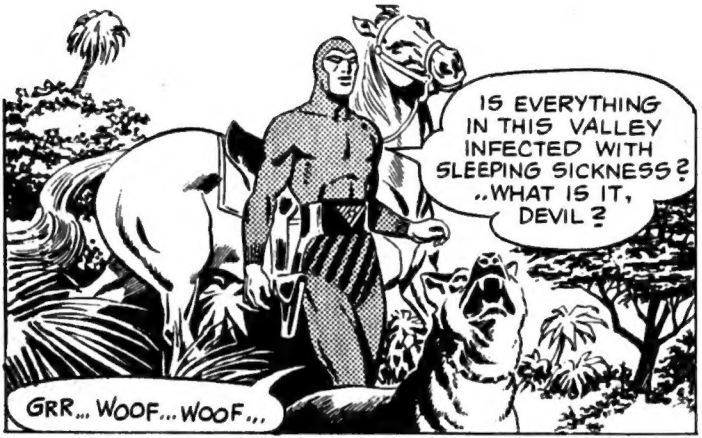


SO FAR, NO PEOPLE IN THIS VALLEY OF KULA-KU. ONLY SLEEPING BIRDS AND ANIMALS.
MUST BE CAREFUL OF THE TSETSE FLY... THE CAUSE OF THIS EPIDEMIC... I THINK...

DEVIL.. WHAT IS IT?
FALK & BARRY 4/14

HUNGRY DEVIL SEES FRESH MEAT!

WHAT DID YOU FIND, DEVIL? LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER OF THOSE POTS...

FRESH MEAT... HUNGRY DEVIL GRABS IT...

??
AS DEVIL TUGS AND CHEWS THE MEAT... SMOKE POURS OUT...
CLICK...
FALK & BARRY 4/15

ODD... THE POT STARTED SMOKING WHEN DEVIL TOUCHED THE MEAT...
CLICK...

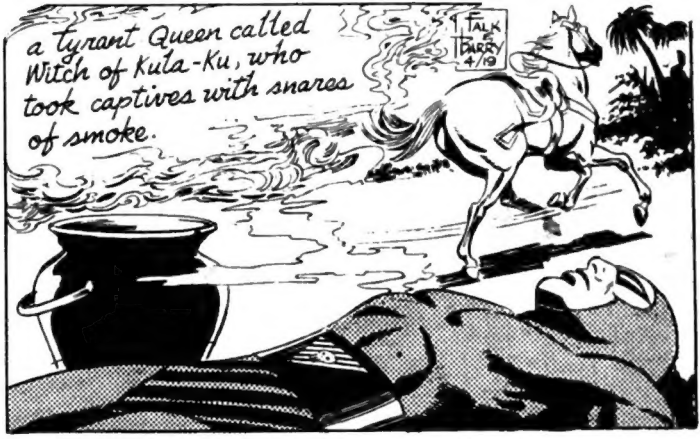
a tyrant Queen called Witch of Kula-Ku, who took captives with snares of smoke. *
MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER WROTE THAT!
FALK & BARRY 4/16
* FROM THE 18TH PHANTOM'S CHRONICLES...

IN THE MYSTERIOUS VALLEY OF KULA-KU...
CHAW-CHAW...
NOT SLEEPING SICKNESS WITH ALL THOSE ANIMALS... DEVIL... GET... BACK... GO...

a tyrant Queen called Witch of Kula-Ku, who took captives with snares of smoke. *
?
?
NOW I UNDERSTAND.. WHAT THAT MEANT...
FALK & BARRY 4/17
* 18TH PHANTOM'S CHRONICLES (OUR PHANTOM'S GREAT-GRANDFATHER)

HERO...GO AWAY.
I UNDERSTAND NOW...

MEAT...WAS BAIT... WHEN DEVIL TOOK IT... STARTED SMOKE...UH...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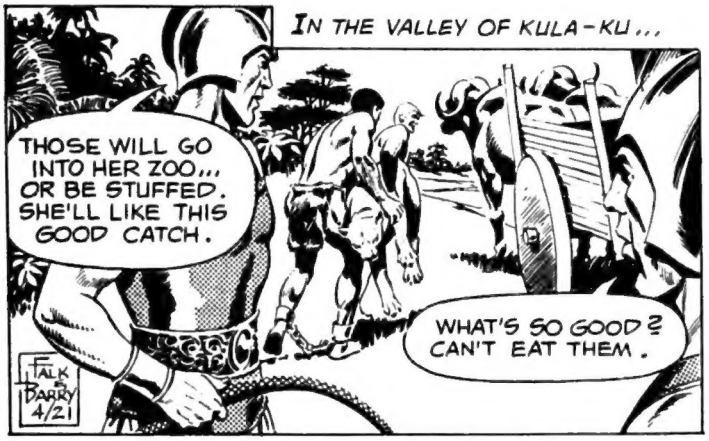
FALK & BARRY 4/19

IN THE MYSTERIOUS TWILIGHT VALLEY OF KULA-KU.
EASY WITH THOSE BIRDS. SHE MAY WANT SOME ALIVE!

MOVE ON!

WHO IS "SHE"?
FALK & BARRY 4/20


IN THE VALLEY OF KULA-KU...
THOSE WILL GO INTO HER ZOO... OR BE STUFFED. SHE'LL LIKE THIS GOOD CATCH.
WHAT'S SO GOOD? CAN'T EAT THEM.
FALK & BARRY 4/21

MOVE!

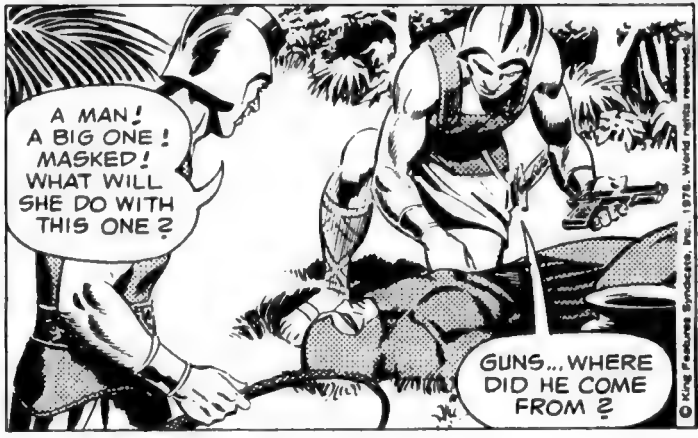
WHO IS "SHE"?
?

LIONS. SHE SAID WE HAD ENOUGH... NO MORE THIS TRIP.
RIGHT.

?
FALK & BARRY 4/22

FALK & BARRY 4/23
WHAT HAS OUR TRAP CAUGHT HERE?

HERE'S A RARE ONE! A WOLF!.. NEVER SAW ONE BEFORE IN THIS VALLEY!


A MAN! A BIG ONE! MASKED! WHAT WILL SHE DO WITH THIS ONE?
GUNS... WHERE DID HE COME FROM?
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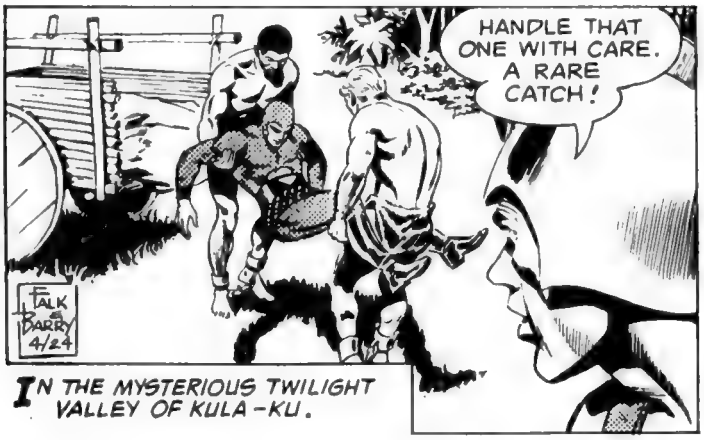
HANDLE THAT ONE WITH CARE. A RARE CATCH!
FALK & BARRY 4/24
IN THE MYSTERIOUS TWILIGHT VALLEY OF KULA-KU.

EASY WITH THAT ONE, TOO.

LOOK AT THAT!

IN THE VALLEY OF KULA-KU...
WHAT A BEAUTY! MUST BELONG TO THAT MAN!
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HERE, BEAUTY... I WON'T HURT YOU... HERE...
FALK & BARRY 4/26

HERO... AWAY!
STOP... BLAST YOU...!
HIS MASTER COMMANDED... HERO UNDERSTANDS. AWAY MEANS: STAY AWAY.

STOP... AW... (PANT-PANT)

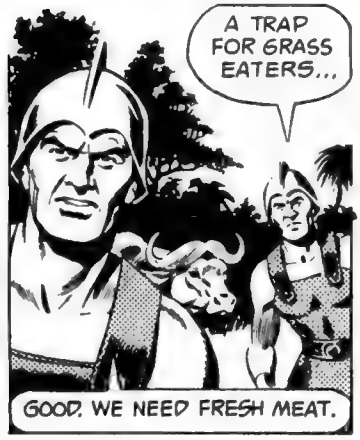
COULDN'T CATCH HIM.. (PANT-PANT) TOO BAD... SHE'D LIKE HIM...
A SMOKE TRAP'LL CATCH HIM... IF THE BIG CATS DON'T GET HIM FIRST.

MOVE!
FALK & BARRY 4/27
WHO IS "SHE"?

HERO, THE PHANTOM'S MIGHTY STALLION, WATCHES AS THE WAGON CARRIES AWAY HIS MASTER AND PAL...
MOVE.
FALK & BARRY 4/28

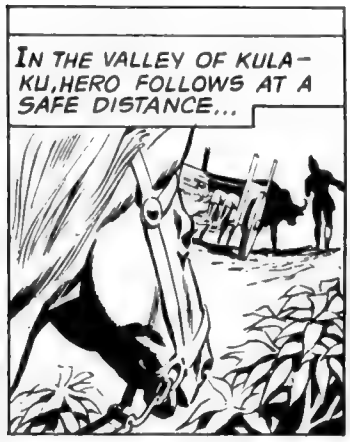
ZZZ-ZZZ

HOLD IT! TRAP AHEAD.. ABOUT TO MAKE A CATCH!

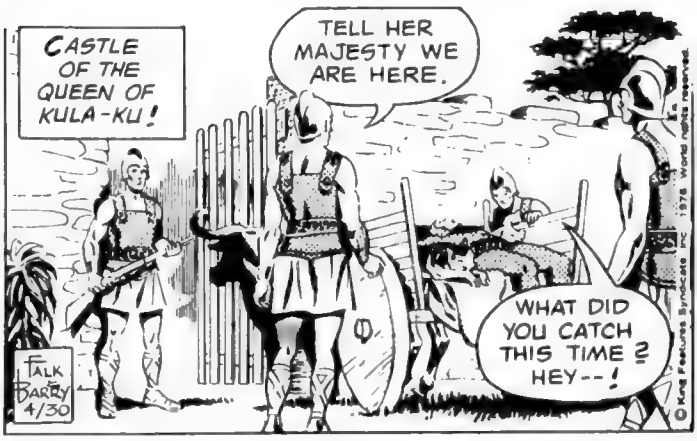

A TRAP FOR GRASS EATERS...
GOOD. WE NEED FRESH MEAT.

CLICK

NO MORE ROOM IN THE WAGON. EACH OF YOU... CARRY ONE.
AW...
NO BACK TALK... OR YOU'LL GET SOME OF THIS!
FALK & BARRY 4/29


IN THE VALLEY OF KULA-KU, HERO FOLLOWS AT A SAFE DISTANCE...

ZZZ-ZZZ


CASTLE OF THE QUEEN OF KULA-KU!
TELL HER MAJESTY WE ARE HERE.
WHAT DID YOU CATCH THIS TIME? HEY--!
FALK & BARRY 4/30
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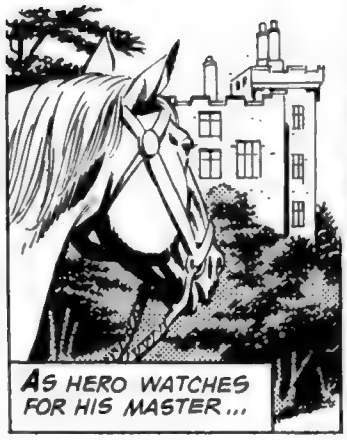
WONDER WHICH OF THIS LOAD GOES THERE? WHICH GETS STUFFED? WHICH GETS COOKED...?
YOU CAN NEVER TELL WHAT SHE'LL DECIDE...

UNLOAD THE MAN FIRST... CAREFUL!
SUPPOSE SHE'LL CAGE HIM, STUFF HIM, OR COOK HIM?
FALK & BARRY 5/1
NEXT WEEK: THE QUEEN OF KULA-KU!


AS HERO WATCHES FOR HIS MASTER...

SOMEONE ELSE IS ALSO WATCHING...
FALK & BARRY 5/3
IT WILL BE DONE, HIGHNESS.

THE PALACE OF KULA-KU!
HER MAJESTY'S ORDER... CAGE ALL ANIMALS AND FOWL UNTIL SHE DECIDES WHICH SHALL BE STUFFED OR COOKED.
BRING THE MAN INSIDE.

TOO HEAVY! CAN'T CARRY...
GET A CART...

TAKE OFF THE MASK?
FALK & BARRY 5/4
NO, LET HER MAJESTY SEE HIM AS HE IS.

FASTER!
GOING... FAST AS WE CAN... HE'S HEAVY...
LIKE (PUFF) LEAD!
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TO THE THRONE ROOM.
HE'LL COME TO SOON— NEEDS SHACKLES...
THE PALACE OF KULA-KU...

THE QUEEN IS WAITING TO SEE HIM.
FALK & BARRY 5/5

WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
ZZ ZZ ZZ
TOMORROW: HER MAJESTY.

IN THE CAGES... DEVIL WAKES UP...

ULRICH, HOW DO YOU KNOW HE'S A BANDIT?
FALK & BARRY 5/6
ZZ

BECAUSE HE WEARS A MASK, YOUR MAJESTY!
ZZ
BRILLIANT, ULRICH! HOW EXCITING! A REAL BANDIT!

AH, YOU WOKE UP, SLAVE. ARE YOU A BANDIT?
UHHH...
HE'S STILL DIZZY FROM THE SMOKE TRAP...
FALK & BARRY 5/7

NOW... I SEE... ARE YOU.. THE WITCH?
WITCH? TEE-HEE...
IMPUDENT SLAVE!

DARE CALL OUR QUEEN A WITCH? FOUL SLAVE...
!
WAIT... ULRICH...
IN THE PALACE OF KULA-KU...

SLAVE?!
POW
DIZZY OR NOT.. NO MAN WHIPS THE PHANTOM!
UH...
5/8

IN THE QUEEN OF KULA-KU'S PALACE...
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE.. BUT I KNOW I DON'T LIKE YOU...
POW
UMPH...
FALK & BARRY 5/10

FANTASTIC! NO ONE HAS EVER BEATEN ULRICH BEFORE!
I'LL HAVE YOU SHOT!

THE QUEEN OF KULA-KU...
GUARD.. SHOOT HIM!
STOP! DO NOT SHOOT.
?!
FALK & BARRY 5/11

NEVER BEFORE HAVE MY TRAPS CAUGHT A MASKED BANDIT. A RARE SPECIMEN.
YOUR MAJESTY... HE STRUCK ME! ME!
I DO NOT WISH IT DAMAGED.
PATIENCE, DEAR ULRICH. HAVE YOUR REVENGE IN THE ARENA... LATER.

YOUR MAJESTY... MAY I ASK... WHY I'M A CAPTIVE ?
SILENCE! THE QUEEN DOES NOT ANSWER SLAVE'S QUESTIONS.
SHHH, ULRICH...

ULRICH IS OUR CHAMPION. YOU HAVE MADE A BAD ENEMY, MASKED BANDIT.
SO HAS HE.
FALK & BARRY 5/12

WHY... THE (SPUTTER-SPUTTER)
TEE-HEE... HE AMUSES ME. SHACKLE HIM... THEN BRING HIM BACK.

MOVE, SLAVE!
WAIT! YOUR MAJESTY... THIS IS THE 20TH CENTURY, SLAVERY'S OUTLAWED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD! YOU CANNOT HAVE SLAVES!
CANNOT ?
FALK & BARRY 5/13

THIS IS MY WORLD. I NEITHER KNOW NOR CARE ABOUT YOURS.
AS FOR MY RIGHT...

...THIS IS MY RIGHT. UNDERSTAND ?
IT'S CLEAR.

MAJESTY, WILL YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR SMOKE TRAPS ?
THE QUEEN DOES NOT CONVERSE WITH SLAVES!
HIGHNESS... THIS CREATURE IS TROUBLE. I KNOW IT!

I DEMAND THAT HE BE STUFFED!
DEMAND, ULRICH? HOLD YOUR TEMPER, SWEET.

PERHAPS, SOMEDAY... NOT YET. HMM. HE WOULD LOOK FINE.
STUFFED ?
FALK & BARRY 5/14

?
AS HERO WAITS IMPATIENTLY FOR HIS MASTER...

...AND DEVIL WONDERS WHAT IS HAPPENING...
?

HIGHNESS... DO YOU... STUFF PEOPLE... LIKE TROPHIES ?
OCCASIONALLY! ENOUGH TALK. TAKE HIM TO THE SMITHY.
MOVE, SLAVE!
FALK & BARRY 5/15

THE QUEEN OF KULA-KU.
TAKE HIM TO THE SMITHY... TO BE SHACKLED. THEN BRING HIM BACK. I WISH TO KNOW MORE OF THIS MASKED BANDIT.
MOVE, SLAVE.
HE SHOULD BE DESTROYED... BEFORE HE MAKES TROUBLE!

PATIENCE, ULRICH. HE'LL PROVIDE GOOD SPORT IN THE ARENA.
FALK & BARRY 5/17
?

ULRICH... WHAT IS THIS ODD MARK ON YOUR JAW? I NEVER NOTICED IT BEFORE.
?

IT LOOKS LIKE--A SKULL
IT'S WHERE THAT MASKED SLAVE HIT ME! IT WON'T COME OFF...

I'LL KILL HIM!
PATIENCE. YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE. MEANTIME, ULRICH, TRY SOAP AND WATER ON THAT...

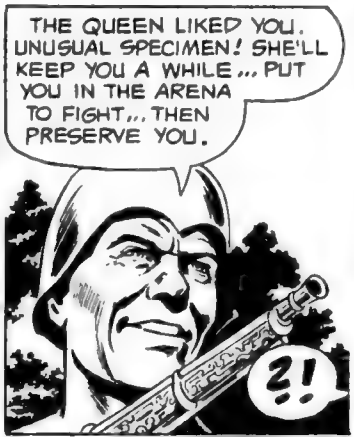
THE QUEEN LIKES BIRDS AND BEASTS. SHE HAS THE BEST SPECIMENS STUFFED.
FALK & BARRY 5/18
SO I SEE. HEY...WHAT'S THAT...?!
TOMORROW: THAT.

HE WAS THE QUEEN'S GENERAL. KILLED IN BATTLE. SHE LIKED HIM. SHE ALWAYS PRESERVES HER FAVORITES.
?!

HAS SHE PRESERVED MORE "FAVORITES"?
MORE OF THE OTHER KIND.
FALK & BARRY 5/19

OTHER KIND?
PEOPLE WHO ANNOY HER, BE WARNED!

DEVIL!
KEEP AWAY FROM THE CAGES, SLAVE!


THE QUEEN LIKED YOU. UNUSUAL SPECIMEN! SHE'LL KEEP YOU A WHILE... PUT YOU IN THE ARENA TO FIGHT... THEN PRESERVE YOU.
?!

THE SLAVE QUARTERS... WHERE YOU'LL LIVE...FOR A LITTLE WHILE...
FALK & BARRY 5/20
WHAT'S..THAT?! OR RATHER... (GULP) WHO'S THAT?!

IN MYSTERIOUS KULA-KU...
HE WAS A MIGHTY SLAVE WHO DIED TRYING TO ESCAPE. SHE PRESERVED HIM...
?!

AS A WARNING TO ALL OF YOU... NOT TO TRY! MOVE!
FALK & BARRY 5/21

I BELIEVE SLAVES WILL NEVER STOP TRYING...

IN MYSTERIOUS KULA-KU...
THE SLAVES SLEEP HERE? WHERE DO THEY WORK?
IN THE PALACE... IN THE FIELDS... WHERE ELSE, STUPID?
FALK & BARRY 5/22

A NEW SLAVE FOR SHACKLES, BLACKSMITH.
A BIG ONE.
A MASKED ONE. THAT IS NEW.
I SAW HIM COME IN.

YOU ARE A SLAVE, BLACKSMITH... YET, YOU MAKE SLAVES OF OTHERS.
I FOLLOW ORDERS. IT'S BETTER THAN BEING "PRESERVED."
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.

FOOD'S NOT BAD. OBEY ORDERS... STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.

SORRY... NOT INTERESTED.
!
FALK & BARRY 5/24

AS THE PHANTOM WHIRLS ON THE GUARD...
I DON'T NEED CHAINS... OR SLAVERY!
!
FALK & BARRY 5/25

UH...?
BUT THE GUARD IS READY FOR HIM...

UH... LIKE THE SMOKE TRAP...
LUCKY FOR YOU... SHE DIDN'T WANT YOU "DAMAGED" OR YOU'D BE DEAD NOW!

NEW SLAVE... TRIED TO FIGHT...
WHY IS HE MASKED?
HE CAME THAT WAY. MOVE, SLAVE!

YOU FOUGHT THEM?
LUCKY THEY DIDN'T KILL YOU.
THIS IS LUCKY?
BETTER THAN BEING "PRESERVED."
FALK & BARRY 5/26

NONE OF US ARE NATIVE HERE. WE ALL CAME FROM THE OUTSIDE.
HOW DID YOU GET HERE?!
I WAS CHASING A DEER...
LOST IN A STORM... FELL OVER THE EDGE...
FALK & BARRY 5/27

"DOWN WE WENT... INTO THE VALLEY.."

I SAW THE POT...
YOU SET OFF THE SMOKE TRAP...
WOKE UP HERE... SAME FOR ALL OF US!

WE WERE ALL CAPTURED BY THE SMOKE TRAPS... WHAT ARE THEY?
NO ONE KNOWS... NOT EVEN THE GUARDS.
ONLY SHE KNOWS... THE QUEEN...
THE--WITCH!
FALK & BARRY 5/28

SHE IS A WITCH. SHE HAS THE BLACK ARTS.

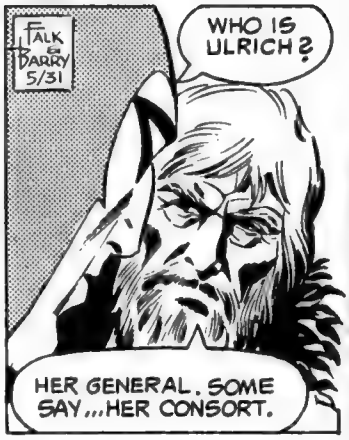
WHEN THAT MASKED SLAVE IS SHACKLED... BRING HIM TO ME.

THE SLAVES OF KULA-KU.
HAVE YOU TRIED TO ESCAPE?
WE DARE NOT.
WE ARE AFRAID...
FALK & BARRY 5/29

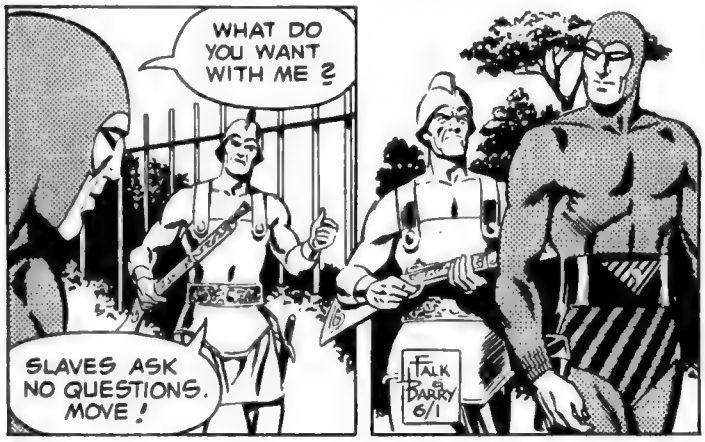
NO WAY OUT... AND IF YOU'RE CAUGHT... "PRESERVED."
DID YOU SEE THE ONE WHO TRIED?

I (UGH) SAW...
CONT'D.

WHAT IS THE ARENA?
A TERRIBLE PLACE WHERE MEN FIGHT MEN...
MEN FIGHT ANIMALS... ANIMALS FIGHT ANIMALS...
ALL FOR THE PLEASURE OF THE QUEEN.


FALK & BARRY 5/31
WHO IS ULRICH?
HER GENERAL. SOME SAY...HER CONSORT.

YOU... MASKED SLAVE. COME. YOU'RE WANTED!
?


WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?
SLAVES ASK NO QUESTIONS. MOVE!
FALK & BARRY 6/1

WILL THEY FIGHT HIM IN THE ARENA... AGAINST A LION?
?!
OR UNARMED AGAINST A WARRIOR?
UNUSUAL SPECIMEN. THEY'LL "PRESERVE" HIM.

WOOF... WOOF...
DEVIL... CAGED! SOMEHOW... WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE...

OR WIND UP... LIKE THAT...!
FALK & BARRY 6/2

HER MAJESTY SENT FOR HIM.
WHAT CAN SHE WANT?
SHE IS BUSY. WAIT HERE.

FALK & BARRY 6/3

THE QUEEN OF KULA-KU... IN HER SECRET LAB...
?!
!

SLAVE, HOW DARE YOU ENTER HERE ?
YOU SENT FOR ME, HIGHNESS. IS THIS WHERE YOU BREW YOUR SMOKE TRAPS ?
FALK & BARRY 6/4

IS THE SECRET IN THAT BOOK KNOWN ONLY TO YOU ?
YOU ARE BOLD, MASKED BANDIT.
YES, I BREW MY SECRETS HERE. ONE OF THESE BRINGS PAINLESS SLEEP... THE OTHER... PAINFUL DEATH !

IN THIS LAB... YOU BREW YOUR SLEEP GAS... AND YOUR DEATH GAS ?
YOU CAN CALL THEM THAT. I HAVE JUST FILLED THESE SPRAYERS... ONE FROM EACH BATCH.
FALK & BARRY 6/5

IF I SQUEEZE ONE... YOU SLEEP, PAINLESSLY. IF I SQUEEZE THE OTHER... YOU DIE... PAINFULLY !
WHICH HAND DO YOU CHOOSE, MASKED BANDIT ?
WHICH... IS WHICH ?
CONT'D

WHY MUST I CHOOSE... BETWEEN SLEEPING GAS AND DEATH GAS, HIGHNESS ?
BECAUSE YOU ARE A SLAVE... AND ENTERED HERE WITHOUT PERMISSION !
FALK & BARRY 6/7

YOU DON'T KNOW WHICH HAND HOLDS WHICH. CHOOSE.. LEFT OR RIGHT !
!

ZZZ ZZZ
!

ONE OF MY HANDS HOLDS SLEEP... THE OTHER... DEATH. YOU DON'T KNOW WHICH IS WHICH: CHOOSE ONE !
WHY ME ?

HOW ABOUT HIM BEHIND YOU ?
?

EEEK...
I HATE TO DO THIS TO A LADY...
FALK & BARRY 6/8

TALK & BARRY 6/9
AN OLD TRICK. BEING A QUEEN, I'M SURE NO ONE EVER TRIED THAT ON YOU BEFORE.
YOU (SOB) HURT ME.

SORRY. FIRST TIME I EVER TACKLED A LADY...OR A WITCH!
!
NOW SIT...AND ANSWER MY QUESTIONS.

FOOL...WAKE UP. WHERE'S THE MASKED SLAVE?
ZZ UH. ER.. HUH...

I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ANYTHING, SLAVE!
TALK & BARRY 6/10
THESE GADGETS CONTAIN YOUR SECRET FORMULAS... ONE FOR SLEEP... ONE FOR DEATH.

I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS WHICH. SUPPOSE I PRESS BOTH...
NO!

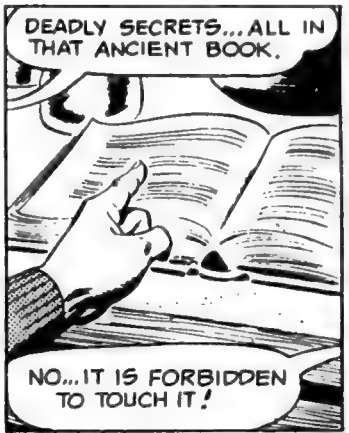
THE MASKED SLAVE YOU GUARDED WENT INTO HER SECRET LAB!
YOU CAN DIE FOR THIS!

TALK & BARRY 6/11
...I BREW THE SMOKE OF SLEEP... AND OF DEATH. SECRETS TAUGHT ME BY MY MOTHER...PASSED DOWN FOR CENTURIES...
WHO ELSE HERE SHARES THE SECRETS IN THAT BOOK?

NO ONE, FOOL. I ALONE KNOW! BECAUSE I AM QUEEN! BECAUSE I RULE!

THAT IS WHY YOU RULE... BECAUSE YOU ALONE KNOW... WITCH OF KULA-KU!

FANTASTIC! GENERATIONS OF WOMEN... PASSING DOWN SECRETS OF SLEEP AND DEATH... RULING A TINY KINGDOM.
NO WONDER THEY CALL YOU WITCH.
I AM QUEEN!


DEADLY SECRETS...ALL IN THAT ANCIENT BOOK.
NO...IT IS FORBIDDEN TO TOUCH IT!

THERE HE IS... FIRE!
6/12
CONT'D.

IN KULA-KU...
DON'T SHOOT, FOOL. HE HAS THE SMOKE SPRAYS!
I WARNED YOU THIS SLAVE WAS TROUBLE. YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN!
FALK & BARRY 6/14

TRUE,,,NOW I'M GOING TO BE MORE TROUBLE. DROP THE WEAPONS!

THE QUEEN'S MOVE!
?!

AS THE QUEEN HURLS A GLASS BOWL OF SMOKE...

!!
FALK & BARRY 6/15

SMOKE OF SLEEP... OR... SMOKE OF DEATH,,?

HE'S AWAKE...
I CHOSE SLEEP SMOKE. IF I'D USED DEATH SMOKE... YOU WOULD NEVER WAKE UP.
THEN... YOU'D BE DEAD... TOO...
FALK & BARRY 6/16

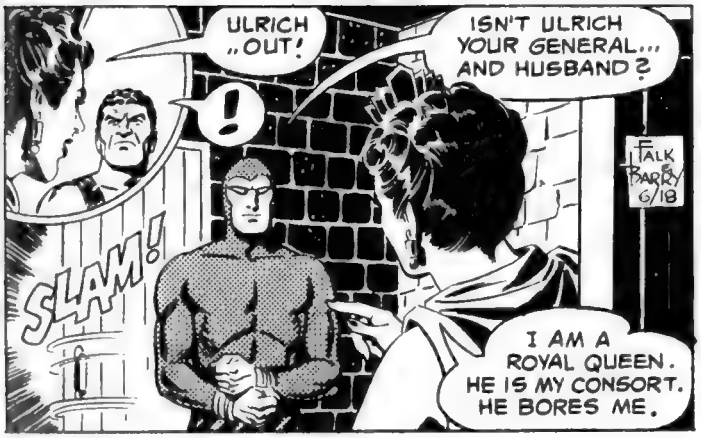
NO... I ALONE AM IMMUNE TO BOTH.
WHY DID YOU LET ME LIVE?

I AM ABOUT TO TELL YOU WHY.

HIGHNESS, YOU PROMISED HIM TO ME... TO KILL IN THE ARENA.
LATER, ULRICH. DON'T BE SO IMPATIENT. NOW LEAVE US.
?
FALK & BARRY 6/17

LEAVE? WHY CAN'T I-- YOUR CONSORT--HEAR WHAT YOU SAY TO HIM?
OUT!

!
...AND SHUT THE DOOR AFTER YOU!


ULRICH ..OUT!
!
ISN'T ULRICH YOUR GENERAL... AND HUSBAND?
SLAM!
I AM A ROYAL QUEEN. HE IS MY CONSORT. HE BORES ME.
FALK & BARRY 6/18

I AM READY FOR A CHANGE. HOW DO YOU CALL IT IN YOUR WORLD...A DIVORCE?
?
YOU.
I HAVE CHOSEN A NEW CONSORT.

YOU ARE ASKING ME TO BECOME... YOUR HUSBAND?
MY CONSORT. YOU ARE A COMMONER, MR. BANDIT. I AM A ROYAL QUEEN.
FALK & BARRY 6/19

WHAT OF YOUR PRESENT CONSORT ...ULRICH?
I NO LONGER WANT HIM. HE WILL DIE IN THE ARENA...

...BY YOUR HAND.
YOU ARE THE WITCH OF KULA-KU!

THE QUEEN OF KULA-KU.
YOU WANT ME TO KILL ULRICH... AND BECOME YOUR NEW CONSORT?
IT IS MY COMMAND.
FALK & BARRY 6/21

HAS IT OCCURRED TO YOU I MIGHT REFUSE?
NO. EITHER ME...OR DEATH IN THE ARENA. TEE-HEE... DOES THAT CONVINCE YOU?

AM I SO UNATTRACTIVE THAT YOU PREFER DEATH TO MARRIAGE?

HIGHNESS... I CANNOT...
SHH...ENOUGH TALK. YOU WILL ADORE ME. I AM QUITE ADORABLE.
GUARD...ADVISE GENERAL ULRICH HE'S TO MEET THE MASKED SLAVE IN THE ARENA.

!
HAVE NO FEAR. HE WILL BE UNARMED... HELPLESS.

ADVISE THE COURT. IT'LL BE GREAT SPORT.
YES, MAJESTY.
FALK & BARRY 6/22
WHAT A WITCH!

GENERAL ULRICH.. QUEEN'S ORDERS... YOU ARE TO MEET THE MASKED SLAVE IN THE ARENA!
AT LAST! GOOD!
SIR, WILL YOU KILL HIM QUICKLY?
OF COURSE!
SLAVES... TO THE ARENA.
ULRICH ARMED... THE MASKED MAN UNARMED AND SHACKLED. HER--SPORT!
ULRICH AND THE MASKED MAN. I KNEW IT!
FALK & BARRY 6/25
QUEEN'S ORDERS... LOOSEN THE SHACKLES AND ROPES.
WHY?
A SURPRISE FOR ULRICH... SHE HAS A RARE SENSE OF HUMOR.
UNIQUE!
FALK & BARRY 6/24
BRING ON THE GLADIATORS FOR THE CONTEST!
SOME CONTEST! UNARMED, TIED SLAVES...AGAINST ARMED WARRIORS...
IT'S NOT FAIR!
I CAN'T WAIT TO GET AT THAT MASKED BANDIT. WHERE IS MY SWORD?
THE QUEEN WILL PRESENT IT.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS? ARMED WARRIOR AGAINST UNARMED, SHACKLED SLAVE? NO CONTEST.
NOT MEANT TO BE ONE.
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THAT TRUMPET CALL... THE SOUND OF DOOM FOR US.
ON TO THE FIELD!
FALK & BARRY 6/25
THE CHAMPION... GENERAL ULRICH...
FALK & BARRY 6/26
THE SLAVE...
YOU HAVE THE HONOR TO FIGHT BEFORE YOUR QUEEN... TO THE DEATH.
SOME HONOR. SLAUGHTER.

IN THE ARENA OF KULA-KU.
NOW... THE PRESENTATION OF THE SWORD.

YES, YOUR MAJESTY...

FOR-- YOU.
?!
?? !!
FALK & BARRY 6/28

MY SWORD!?
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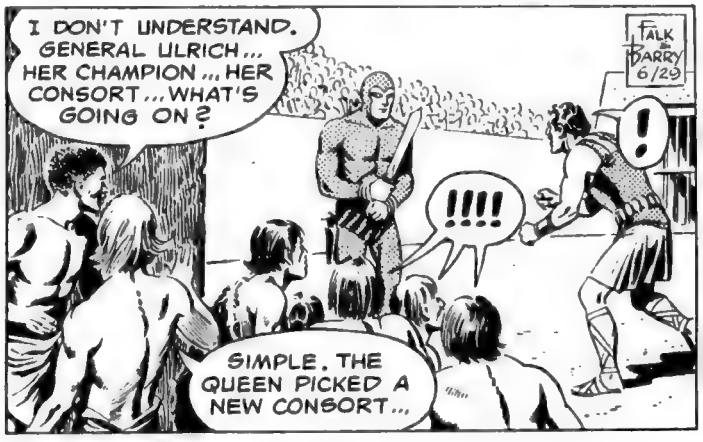
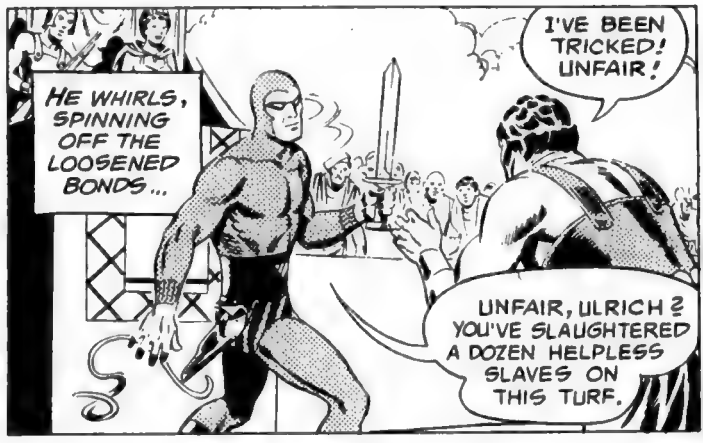
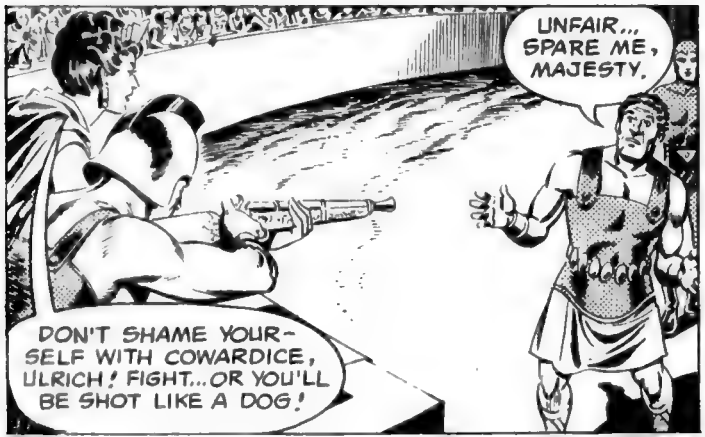
YOUR HIGHNESS...!
LET THE CONTEST BEGIN!


I DON'T UNDERSTAND. GENERAL ULRICH... HER CHAMPION... HER CONSORT... WHAT'S GOING ON?
FALK & BARRY 6/29
!
!!!!
SIMPLE. THE QUEEN PICKED A NEW CONSORT...

SHE BETRAYED ME... I'M NOT THRU YET... HE IS STILL TIED... SHACKLED.

FALK & BARRY 6/30
HE CAN'T MOVE FAST... I'LL GET BEHIND HIM...


HE WHIRLS, SPINNING OFF THE LOOSENED BONDS...
I'VE BEEN TRICKED! UNFAIR!
UNFAIR, ULRICH? YOU'VE SLAUGHTERED A DOZEN HELPLESS SLAVES ON THIS TURF.


UNFAIR... SPARE ME, MAJESTY.
DON'T SHAME YOURSELF WITH COWARDICE, ULRICH! FIGHT... OR YOU'LL BE SHOT LIKE A DOG!

I GO TO MY EXECUTION... KILL ME...
FALK & BARRY 7/1

I HATE HIM... BUT I... CAN'T STAND TO WATCH THIS...
!

IN THE ARENA OF THE QUEEN OF KULA-KU...
I AM FINISHED... KILL ME...
I DO NOT USE WEAPONS AGAINST AN UNARMED MAN...
FALK & BARRY 7/2

...HE THREW AWAY THE SWORD...!
FOOLISH... ULRICH IS A CHAMPION FIGHTER...

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? I GAVE YOU THE SWORD!
THANK YOU. WE WILL CONTINUE WITHOUT IT, HIGHNESS.

I GAVE YOU THE SWORD... AND ORDERS TO KILL HIM!
I DO MY OWN FIGHTING... MY OWN WAY, HIGHNESS.

HE MUST BE...CRAZY! THE SWORD..!

I DID NOT THROW AWAY THE SWORD FOR YOU TO HAVE IT.
WE FIGHT WITHOUT WEAPONS...
I WILL BREAK YOU IN TWO!
FALK & BARRY 7/3

MASKED MAN HAS NO CHANCE AGAINST ULRICH... SHOULD I SHOOT, HIGHNESS?
WAIT!

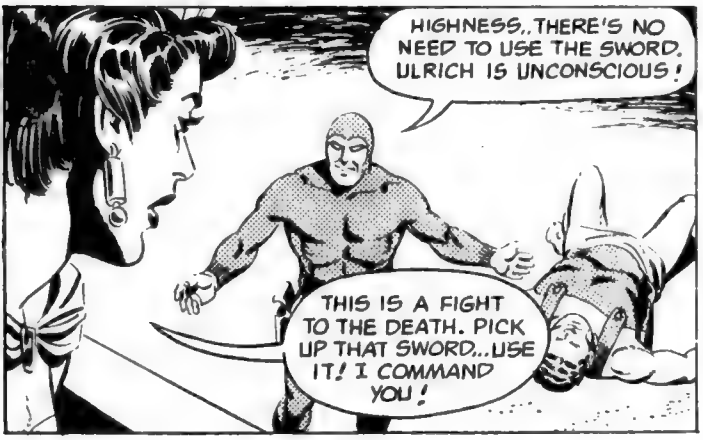
MASKED MAN FOOLISH TO THROW AWAY THE SWORD. I SAW ULRICH KILL A SLAVE WITH HIS FISTS!
!
FALK & BARRY 7/5

YOU LOST YOUR CHANCE! NOW...
...YOU'RE FINISHED! UH...
MISSED. TRY AGAIN!
TOMORROW: BOXING LESSON

IN KULA-KU'S DEATH ARENA, CHAMPION ULRICH GETS A BOXING LESSON...

COWARD! STOP RUNNING, STAND UP AND FIGHT!

OH...CAN'T WATCH THIS...NOW ULRICH'LL KILL HIM...
ULRICH SWINGS A MIGHTY BLOW...
AH...!
VERY WELL, DO YOUR BEST, CHAMP.
FALK & BARRY 7/6



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IN THE DEATH ARENA OF KULA-KU.
PUT DOWN YOUR GUNS... OR YOUR QUEEN DIES!
!!!
DO... AS... HE SAYS!

FALK & BARRY 7/12
WHAT'LL HE DO NOW?

THEN... A LOUD WHISTLE...
ZZZ

WHAT'S HE WHISTLING FOR?
...LOSING HIS MIND?

HE'S WHISTLING FOR WAITING FRIENDS... DEVIL...

...AND THE MIGHTY WHITE STALLION...HERO!
FALK & BARRY 7/13

IN ANSWER TO THEIR MASTER'S WHISTLE...
FALK & BARRY 7/14

ZZ!!

HERO...DEVIL...AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!
QUEEN... WE'RE GOING FOR A RIDE.
NO... STOP HIM... HELP!
!!!
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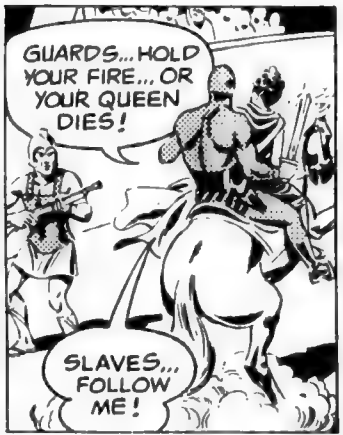

GUARDS... HOLD YOUR FIRE... OR YOUR QUEEN DIES!
SLAVES... FOLLOW ME!

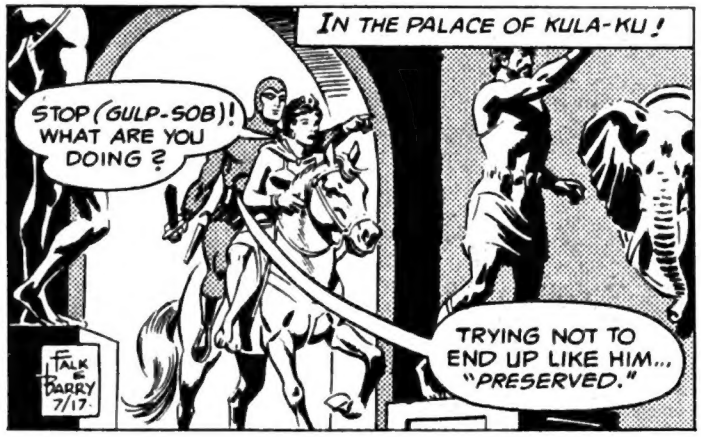
HE MEANS US!
LET'S GO!
FALK & BARRY 7/15

THE SLAVES OF KULA-KU!
BLACKSMITH... REMOVE ALL THEIR CHAINS...FAST! THAT INCLUDES YOURS!
YES!
!!!

REMOVING THE SLAVE CHAINS OF KULA-KU!
THIS WON'T HURT!
DON'T MISS!

IF ANY GUARD INTERFERES.. YOUR QUEEN DIES! CLEAR?
UH... CLEAR...

WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO NOW?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
FALK & BARRY 7/10


IN THE PALACE OF KULA-KU!
STOP (GULP-SOB)! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TRYING NOT TO END UP LIKE HIM... "PRESERVED."
FALK & BARRY 7/17

LOW BRIDGE... DUCK!

OH... YOU'RE WONDERFUL... (SMACK)
?!

THE QUEEN OF KULA-KU.
WONDERFUL MAN!
!!
SMACK

EASY, HIGHNESS. DON'T GET TOO ROMANTIC.
FALK & BARRY 7/19

YOU FIND ME BEAUTIFUL, ADMIT IT, MYSTERIOUS MAN!
I DO. SOME PEOPLE SEE BEAUTY IN A RATTLESNAKE.
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THIS IS WHAT I CAME TO YOUR LAB FOR... MY GUNS.
IS THAT ALL, MYSTERY MAN?

..AND THIS...YOUR BOOK OF SECRETS...THE SLEEPING GAS...
NO!

WITHOUT IT... I AM POWERLESS. MY SUBJECTS WILL REVOLT!
FALK & BARRY 7/20
NO WONDER... SEEING WHAT YOU DID TO SOME OF THEM!
TOMORROW: LOVE.. FOREVER.

STAY! SHARE MY THRONE!
AND WIND UP STUFFED LIKE HIM... WHEN YOU GET BORED?
FALK & BARRY 7/21

YOU COULD NEVER BORE ME. I'LL LOVE YOU FOREVER!

!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU SAID THAT? NO DEAL, HIGHNESS. LET'S GO!
TOMORROW: GO WHERE?

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME!
I DON'T PLAN TO.. YET!

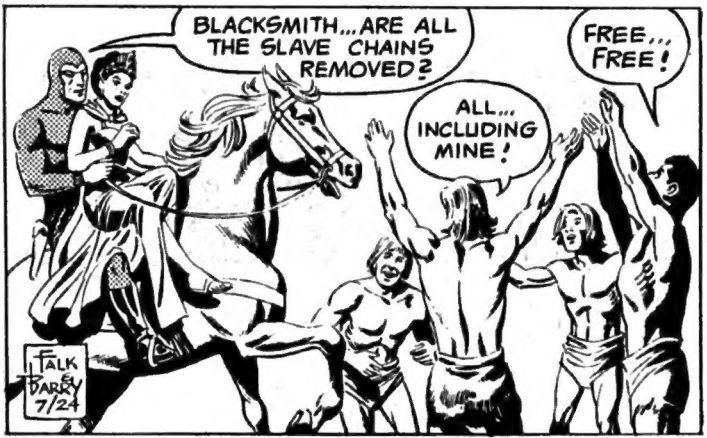
OH! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

WHERE IS HE TAKING HER?
FALK & BARRY 7/22

THE SLAVES OF KULA-KU LOSE THEIR CHAINS!
DON'T MISS ... UH...
HURRY.. ME NEXT!
DON'T WORRY!
FALK & BARRY 7/23

FREE!
NOT YET! HOW DO WE GET OUT OF HERE?

THE MASKED MAN!
WITH THE QUEEN!
HE'LL GET US OUT!


BLACKSMITH... ARE ALL THE SLAVE CHAINS REMOVED?
FREE... FREE!
ALL... INCLUDING MINE!
FALK & BARRY 7/24

NOW WHERE... MYSTERY MAN?
NOW... OUT OF KULA-KU.. YOUR HIGHNESS.

WITH A SUDDEN MOVE... SHE SNATCHES HIS GUN...
NO!
CONT'D.

THE QUEEN OF KULA-KU!
!!!
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, MYSTERY MAN! YOU REFUSED MY THRONE... YOU REFUSED MY LOVE!
TRUE...
FALK & BARRY 7/26

YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO ME!

FOOL! DIE!
CLICK

DIE! UH..!
NO BULLETS, HIGHNESS. I TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF REMOVING THEM FROM THE GUN NEAREST YOU.
CLICK... CLICK... CLICK...

JUST LIKE THE RATTLESNAKE... YOU'RE PREDICTABLE... AND JUST AS DEADLY.
FALK & BARRY 7/27

MEN... LET'S GO!
YES!

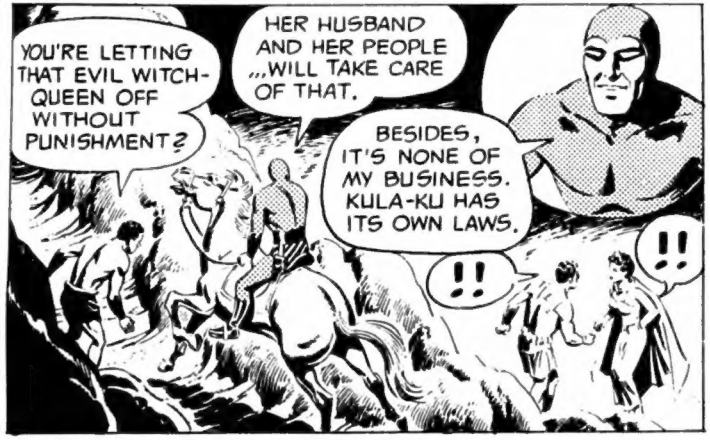
THE PATH TO FREEDOM FROM THIS CURSED PLACE!
GOOD. GO!

MASKED MAN... COMING WITH US?
IN A MOMENT.
FALK & BARRY 7/28

ULRICH... THE QUEEN'S HUSBAND!
NOW WHAT?

SHE WANTED YOU TO KILL ME, I WAS HELPLESS... YOU SPARED MY LIFE. WHY?
!
I DON'T KILL MEN... HELPLESS OR OTHERWISE. I'M RETURNING YOUR WIFE TO YOU, ULRICH.
FALK & BARRY 7/29

!!!
YOU TWO SHOULD HAVE PLENTY TO TALK ABOUT.
!!!


YOU'RE LETTING THAT EVIL WITCH-QUEEN OFF WITHOUT PUNISHMENT?
HER HUSBAND AND HER PEOPLE ...WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT.
BESIDES, IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS. KULA-KU HAS ITS OWN LAWS.
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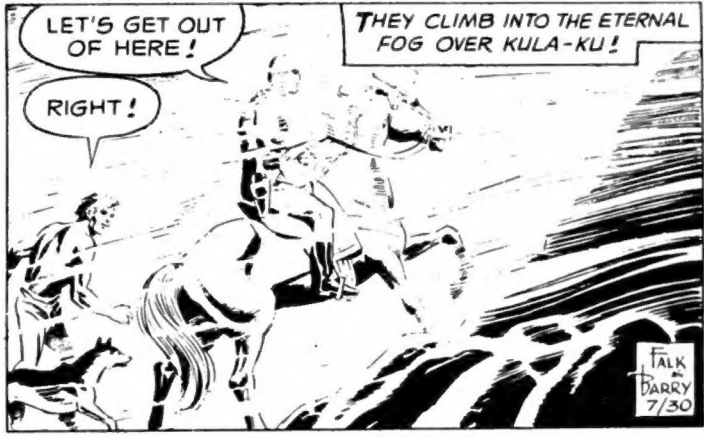
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
RIGHT!
THEY CLIMB INTO THE ETERNAL FOG OVER KULA-KU!
FALK & BARRY 7/30

OUT OF THE ETERNAL FOG THAT COVERS KULA-KU..THE EX-SLAVES!
FREE... SAFE!
FALK & BARRY 7/31

I WANTED TO FIND THE WITCH OF KULA-KU. I DID. SHE WAS MORE THAN I COULD IMAGINE.

SHE'LL CATCH NO MORE VICTIMS "WITH SNARES OF SMOKE." SHE'LL HAVE ONLY HER OWN "WITCHCRAFT"... WHICH'LL BE ENOUGH...
NEXT WEEK: NEXT ADVENTURE
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